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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.

A copy of each foreign document listed on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

The relevance of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-262504 as presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) who is the most knowledgeable about the content thereof, is that it discloses an electric power steering apparatus, in which a brush holder is spigot-

jointed to a motor case for an electric motor and the motor case is fixed to a housing in a state where the brush holder is spigot-jointed to the housing. This also discloses an electric power steering apparatus in which a magnet holder is spigot-jointed to a motor case for an electric motor and the motor case is fixed to a housing in a state where the magnet holder is spigot-jointed to the housing. In this electric power steering apparatus, the number of parts of the electric motor can be decreased and the number of bolt-fastening portions and sealing portions for fixing the electric motor to the housing can be reduced.

Japanese Patent No. 3245582 is accompanied by an English translation of the abstract. A copy of the full application is provided so that the examiner can view all the drawings. Only the abstract is available in English and no representation is intended that it is the most material part of the application or that other portions may not be more material. However, it is believed to be a counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 6,155,376.

The relevance of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-187955 to the present application is discussed in the specification at Page 18, thus conforming to the “concise explanation” requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3).

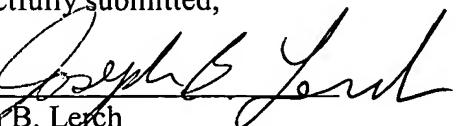
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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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